Availability of Water in the Capital

2189. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has urged the Haryana Government to supply additional 100 cusecs of water to increase the capacity of Potable water of Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking's Haiderpur plant;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Haryana Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have taken any other steps to make sufficient availability of water in the Capital in the coming summer season; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 100 cusec of water has been released by Government of Haryana for Delhi with effect from 19-4-1993.

(c) and (d) In addition to the present sources of water supply and 100 cusec of additional water arranged for Hyderpur water treatment plant phase-II, one ranney well of 3 mgd capacity has also been commissioned by Delhi Administration. Shortly second ranney well is also likely to be commissioned. Haryana and Uttar Pradesh Governments will also be requested to come to Delhi's rescue to meet its drinking water needs at the time of acute scarcity.

Polavaram Project on River Godavari

2190. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any re-thinking on large river valley projects like the Polavaram Project after the controversy with World Bank and other international agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the schedule of building Polavaram Project in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Schedule of construction of Polavaram Project depends on how soon State Government secures investment clearance to the project and ensures provision of adequate outlays.

Stimulating of Irrigation Facilities all over the Country

2191. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 70 per cent of the farmland in the country is dependant on rainfall; and

(b) what action Government have taken to stimulate irrigation facilities all over the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97), the strategy to stimulate irrigation facilities inter alia include (i) priority to completion of on-going major and medium irrigation projects, (ii) greater

user participation in major and medium irrigation projects, (iii) encouragement to minor surface water lift irrigation schemes, (iv) installation of sprinkler| drip irrigation system in water scarce and drought prone areas, (v) emphasis on conjunctive use of surface and ground water and (vi) introduction of Command Area Development Programme in large minor irrigation schemes above 500 hectares. A target of creating an additional irrigation potential of 15.8 million hectares through major and medium and minor schemes has been fixed during the Eighth Plan (1992—97).

Land Erosion by Sea on West Coast

2192. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have been extending financial assistance to the affected States to contain land erosion by sea on the West Coast;

(b) if so, what is the assistance provided to Karnataka during the last three years;

(c) what are the details of works carried out by Karnataka Government; and

(d) what are the details of amounts received by Maharashtra, Goa and Kerala in the same period for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Central Government had extended Central Loan Assistance to contain land erosion by sea to the maritime States till 1991-92.

(b) The Central Loan Assistance given to Karnataka is as under :—

1990-91—NIL

1991-92—Rs. 93 Lakhs

1992-93—NIL

(c) The amount was utilised to carry out protection works against sea erosion at 32 locations in the State.

(d) During 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, no Central Loan Assistance was given to Maharashtra and Goa. During the same thhee yeass period Rs. 8.39 crore was given to Kerala.

Termination of Officers in NSFDC

2193. SHRI J. S. RAJU : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that six SC|ST officers of NSFDC have been terminated| relieved from their services;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) what is the number of persons employed in NSFDC since September, 1991 and how many of them are SCs|STs ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) Six SC|ST officials have been relieved from NSFDC till date. Out of these two officers were reverted to their parent departments on completion of their deputation, one officer was reverted to his parent organisation on his own request. Two officers were relieved by NSFDC at their own request on fresh appointment elsewhere. In one case, ad-hoc appointment was terminated as the appointee did not fulfil the required qualifications and experience as prescribed under the Recruitment Rules of the Corporation.

(c) Eleven persons have been employed in NSFDC since September, 1991.